



Village of Bayside

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PRE-PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL CODE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2006

Effective October 1, 2006, the Village of Bayside will require home sellers to receive an inspection by the Village's Building Inspector to ensure that the home is up to the current building code, or at a minimum, the code that was in place at the time the construction was completed with permit.

The primary purposes for establishing a code compliance program is to:

- Maintain property values of the neighborhood and proactively alleviate depreciation in property values.
- Maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- Prevent the development of hazardous conditions, which present a threat to the well-being of occupants of buildings and to other persons.
- Protect the environment and preserve the aesthetic character of neighborhoods.

The Compliance program is not intended to supplement the more traditional home inspection programs, but rather examine the health and safety issues as they relate to the Village Code. The compliance program will also ensure all necessary building permits were applied for and fulfilled.

Forgot to obtain a building permit? Now through September 30, 2006, residents who have completed work without a permit will be able to apply for a permit without penalty. After October 1, 2006, applicable penalties for work completed without permits will resume.

The Building Inspector's office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The Certificate of Compliance is good for one year from the date the Certificate is issued. For more information about the pre-purchase residential code compliance program, please visit the Village web site at www.bayside-wi.gov or call Village Hall at (414) 351-8811.

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